

WHIL.1 Historical Research & Geographical Analysis and WHIL.15 World Religions

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I. PRIMARY SOURCES-ARE WRITTEN OR DEPICTED(PICTURES) DESCRIPTIONS BY PEOPLE WHO WERE AT THE EVENT AS AN OBSERVER OR PARTICIPANT.

- EXAMPLES:JOURNALS, LETTERS,SPEECHES, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, POLITICAL CARTOONS, AUTOBIOGRAPHIES, WILLS, DEEDS, FINANCIAL RECORDS

II. SECONDARY SOURCES- WRITTEN OR DEPICTED BY PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT AT THE ORIGINAL EVENT.

- EXAMPLES: HISTORY BOOKS, TEXTBOOKS; INFORMATION IS GATHERED FROM PRIMARY SOURCES TO WRITE THE BOOKS.

MAPS

POLITICAL MAPS- shows boundaries –Example states and countries

PHYSICAL MAPS-show landforms like deserts, mountains, and plains

THEMATIC MAPS-special purpose maps which focus on one topic

WHIL.15

Monotheistic Religions- Judaism, Christianity and Islam

Basic beliefs of Judaism= T.O.R.A.H.

- **T**=Torah
- The Torah is the written record and beliefs of Hebrews
- referred to as the Old Testament by Christians
- O**=Oh, most Jews live in Israel or North America
- R**=Religious laws
- Religious laws are followed according to the Ten Commandments
- **A**=Abraham
- Abraham is the founder of Judaism
- He made covenant with God so Jews could live in Canaan (Holy Land)
- Canaan is now the country of Israel, which includes Israel's capital, Jerusalem
- **H**=Hebrews
- Hebrews are the first believers in Monotheism, belief in one God

Basic beliefs of Christianity= J.E.S.U.S.

J=Jesus' Life and Teachings

- Jesus' life and teachings are laid out in the New Testament (Bible)
- Bible also contains the Old Testament (The Jewish Torah)
- **E**=Early Church Councils made early doctrine (beliefs)
- Jesus is God AND God's son
- Bible is the word of God
- Jesus died and rose from the Dead
- Trinity- God has 3 parts
- **S**=Son of God
- Son of God is Jesus according to Christianity
- Believing in Jesus gets you life in Heaven

U=Unified

- Unified parts of the world after evolving from the Middle East
- Christianity is now dominant in North America, South America, and Europe
- S=Second
- Second monotheistic religion to form
- Judaism was the first one

Reflection: How are Christianity and Judaism different and/or similar?

Basic beliefs of Islam = I.S.L.A.M.I.C.

- I=Islam's holy book
- Islam's holy book is the Koran (Qu'ran)
- S=Started in Middle East
- Starting in the Middle East, Islam began in present day Saudi Arabia
- L=Laws of Islam
- Laws = The Five Pillars of Wisdom
- 1. Faith in Allah
- 2. Prayer (5 times daily facing Mecca)
- 3. Alms
- 4. Fasting during Ramadan
- 5. Pilgrimage to Mecca
- A=Allah
- Allah is the name of God in Islam
- Followers of Allah are Muslims
- M=Muhammad
- Muhammad is the founder and prophet of Islam
- His teachings are written in the Koran
- I=Islam is Monotheistic
- Muhammad cast the idols out of the Kaaba

C= Cities in the Middle East

Cities that are Holy to Muslims

Mecca- Saudi Arabia- Muhammad's birthplace, home of the Kaaba

Medina- Saudi Arabia- Muhammad started Islam

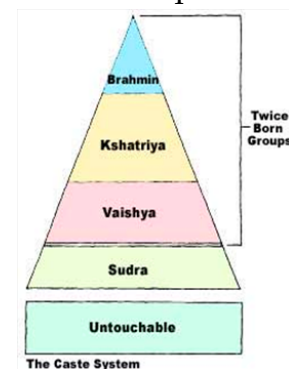
Jerusalem- Israel- home of the Dome of the Rock, place where Muhammad ascended into Heaven.

Non-Monotheistic Religions/Polytheistic- Hinduism and Buddhism

Hinduism

Hindus believe in K.A.R.M.A.

- K=Karma
- Karma is knowledge that all thoughts and actions result in future consequences
- A=A Caste System
- A caste system exists for all Hindus living in India
- Good Karma brings you up the caste system in next life
- Bad Karma brings you down the caste system in next life
- R=Reincarnation
- Reincarnation is rebirth based upon karma
- Hindus believe all living things have same universal spirit in them
- M=Many gods



- Many gods (forms of deity) exist in Hinduism
- Hinduism is known as a polytheistic religion
- A=All Hindus want to end reincarnation
- When Karma becomes good enough, you live with universal spirit

Buddhism

- Buddhists follow the beliefs of B.U.D.D.H.A.
- B=Buddha
- Buddha is the founder of Buddhism, Siddhartha Gautama
- Buddha means enlightened one
- U=Universe
- Universal peace requires reaching a state of nirvana and becoming one with the universe
- D=Doctrine #1
- Doctrine #1 is the Four Noble Truths
 - 1. Suffering Exists
 - 2. Desires make us suffer
 - 3. End desires = end suffering
 - 4. Follow 8-fold path to end desires
- D=Doctrine #2
- Doctrine #2 is the 8-fold path
- Following the 8-fold path to enlightenment leads to nirvana
- H=Hanging
- Hanging around Asia is where Buddhism is located
- Began in India, then diffused to China and Southeast Asia
- A=Asoka
- Asoka's missionaries and their writings helped spread Buddhism to China and Southeast Asia

Geographic Locations of World Religions

- Judaism
- 1500 A.D.-Concentrated in Europe and the Middle East
- Today-Concentrated in Israel and North America
- Christianity
- 1500 A.D.-Concentrated in Europe and the Middle East
- Today-Concentrated in Europe, North and South America
- Islam
- 1500 A.D.-Parts of Asia, Africa and Southern Europe
- Today-Concentrated in Middle East, Africa and Asia
- Buddhism
- 1500 A.D.-East and Southeast Asia
- Today-Concentrated in East and Southeast Asia
- Hinduism
- 1500 A.D.-India and part of Southeast Asia
- Today-Concentrated in India